

Amendment and Response UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a printer, said method comprising:
providing a printer including a plurality of printer operational resources;
receiving a resource request at said printer, said resource request including a request
for at least one of use and a right of use of a selected at least one printer operational resource;
operating said printer according to said resource request including at least one of use
of and right of use of said selected at least one printer operational resource; and
initiating a payment transaction based on said operating step, wherein said payment
transaction includes a charge calculated as a function of said resource request.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said printer initiates said payment
transaction.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 2 wherein said printer includes a consumable
element, said consumable element including a processing element initiating said payment
transaction.
4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said selected at least
one printer operational resource comprises enhanced output produced by said printer relative
to output produced without use of said selected at least one printer operational resource.
5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 4 wherein said selected at least
one printer operational resource comprises a selected printer resolution.
6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 4 wherein said selected at least
one printer operational resource comprises a selected printer throughput speed.

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7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said selected at least one printer operational resource comprises access to a selected communication channel.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7 wherein said selected communication channel comprises at least one of an infrared link and a network link.

9. (Currently Amended) A printing system comprising:

 printer control including a plurality of printer operational resources supporting operation of a printer, said plurality of printer operational resources comprising a first resource set and a second resource set;

 print job control receiving a request relative to at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources; and

 transaction control detecting said request and initiating a payment transaction for said request when said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources is a member of said second set, wherein said payment transaction includes a charge calculated as a function of said resource request.

10. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9 wherein said request comprises an incident of use for said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources.

11. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9 wherein said request comprises a period of allowed right of access to said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources.

12. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9 wherein said request comprises a request to remove said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources from said second set and place said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources in said first set.

13. (Original) A system according to claim 9 wherein said transaction control is located within said printer.

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14. (Original) A system according to claim 9 wherein said transaction control generates a use report for delivery to a resource vendor.

15. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9 wherein said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources comprises enhanced output produced by said printer relative to output produced without use of said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources.

16. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 15 wherein said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources comprises a selected printer resolution.

17. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 15 wherein said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources comprises a selected printer throughput speed.

18. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 15 wherein said at least one of said plurality of printer operational resources comprises access to a selected communication channel.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of printer operation comprising the steps:
requesting a print job, said print job including use of a selected printer operational resource;
printing at a printer said print job including use of said selected printer operational resource; and
executing a payment transaction in favor of a resource vendor as a function of said print job, wherein said payment transaction includes a charge calculated as a function of said resource request.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19 wherein said method further comprises reporting use of said selected printer operational resource to said resource vendor.

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